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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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Whereas, In February 2001, the board of directors of the Northern League approved Northwest Sports Ventures, LLC, to own and operate an expansion team for the 2002 season in Gary, Indiana, and the Gary RailCats were born;

Whereas, The Northern League is an independent minor league baseball league in the Midwestern United States and the Canadian provinces of Manitoba and Alberta;

Whereas, In June 2001, a lease was signed between the city of Gary and Victory Sports Group for a 6,000 seat state-of-the-art stadium and ground was broken for construction to begin;

Whereas, In May 2002, the Gary RailCats played their first official Northern League game in Sioux Falls, South Dakota;

Whereas, On May 28, the RailCats experienced their first victory, a 9-4 win over the Schaumburg Flyers that began a six-game winning streak for the team;

Whereas, RailCats' manager Joe Calfapietra was named Northern League manager of the year after leading the club to 35 wins despite playing all 90 games on the road;

Whereas, The team continued to improve and prosper, winning the Northern League championship in 2005; and

Whereas, The RailCats have continued to provide countless



hours of enjoyment and relaxation for the citizens of northern Indiana: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 individual and economic contributions that the RailCats have made to
3 the community of Gary and all of northern Indiana. We wish to thank
4 them and to encourage them to continue "hitting it out of the park" for
5 years to come.

6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Gary RailCats
8 management and Scott L. King, mayor of Gary, Indiana.

